

**ASCENSION SUNDAY
MOTHER'S DAY**

May 13, 2018

11:00AM

"The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him."

— Genesis 21:1-2

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship

"This Is the Day"

UMH #657

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is day that the Lord hath make; let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

*Opening Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH #707

We Praise God

*Responsive Reading

"Mother's Day Litany"

Joey Wykel

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881 Brady Wykel

*Passing of the Peace

Offering

The Offertory

"Are Ye Able"

Trey Williams

*Doxology

UMH #95

*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seat.) **Joe Fowler**
Jesus Loves Me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Grey Pennell

Anthem

Men's Choir

We Hear God's Word

Old Testament Reading

"Genesis 21:1-7"

Pew Bible, p.16(O.T.)

Sermon

"God Has Brought Joy To Me"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

*Closing Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

(v.1,2,4) UMH #377

*Benediction

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

(v.1) UMH #557

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*Postlude

*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed in the church for the Glory of God and in honor of Scott Davis's birthday by Angie, Lauren & Hayes Davis .

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE		
SUNDAY, MAY 13	8:00AM	UMMen
	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship, Communion
		No Disciples Bible Study
		No CrossFire
MONDAY, MAY 14	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
THURSDAY, MAY 17	10-11AM	Stretch & Walking in Gym
	6:30PM	Interval Training
FRIDAY, MAY 18		Last Day of SCA
SATURDAY, MAY 19	9:00AM	Interval Training
SUNDAY, MAY 20		Graduation Sunday
	Noon	Children's Ministry Pizza Party

Sunday, MAY 6, 2018	
Sunday School	72
Worship	125
Offering	\$8,263.00
Received YTD	\$130,719.24
Needed YTD	\$121,486.86
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$9,232.38
Cemetery Fund (3/31/18)	\$2,001.94
Capital Imp. Received	\$92.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$95,236..89

SERVANT MINISTRIES	
Nursery Workers Today	Angie Davis & Karen Landers
Nursery Workers May 20	Sarah Boland & Gayle Fowler
Children's Church Today	Amy Blackwell & Linette Garrett
Children's Church May 20	Kelle Waters & April Brunson
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher May 20	Rick Christopher

LECTIONARY TEXTS
Sunday, May 20
Acts 2:1-21
Psalms 104:24-34
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Stewart, Music Director

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Bill Lee, Organist

Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director

Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director

Debra Fowler, Custodian

Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries

Laura Williams, Preschool Director

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

MAY 13, 2018

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg & Martha Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Doris Wade
Matthew Pennell

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Matthew Tucker, friend of Clara Godfrey
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Lanford, friend of Pat Burgess
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church
John Tomlanovich, friend of Rob & Amy Lancaster
Malik Johnson
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree's grandson
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster's son-in-law

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

Sharon's Community Cupboard – Spaghetti Noodles, individual packs of grits and oatmeal and individual packs (not cups) of Ramen noodles.

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West	Joyce Lee's son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff's sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee's father
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison's sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn's mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson's sister

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Sri Lanka. Today we pray for Sri Lanka, the Sinhalese arrived in the island in the 6th century BC, from northern India. Buddhism was introduced a few centuries later, and became the main religion. Tamils, also from India, established themselves on the northern and eastern parts of the island. The Sinhalese constitute 74 percent of the population, the Tamils 10 percent. Since 1983, the country has suffered a violent civil war between the Tamil Liberation movement and the government. The majority of the population is poor and depends on subsistence farming. The Catholic Church is the oldest and largest church. Methodism came in the 19th century. Christians are a minority in Sri Lanka.

STRETCH CLASS AND WALKING IN THE GYM: On Monday and Thursday there is a stretch class in the gym at 10:00AM. You can also come and walk in the gym during this time. This is a low impact stretch class and some great fellowship!

GRADUATION SUNDAY: Graduation Sunday is coming up on May 20. We would like to recognize those in our extended church family on their accomplishments. If you have a family member that is graduating high school or college and would like some congratulations, please let Grey Pennell know!

Dearly Departed: On Sunday, May 27th we will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave for the play at Pelzer at 1:30. We will have supper at Coach House Restaurant. Church bus will be provided. The tickets are \$8.00 for Seniors and \$7.00 for students under 18. Make your check payable to Sharon UMC and mark on the check *Play*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars now for VBS, June 10-14. Invite your neighbors and friends.

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NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN: Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: 2018-2019 registration is currently underway. If you or someone you know would like to register a child, contact the preschool office at 864-879-1763 or see Laura for a form.

We have a few spots open for the remainder of this school year. Contact us if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: S.C. Annual Conference is June 3-6 at the TD Convention Center. Volunteers are needed to make the experience welcoming and smooth for our Methodist guests from across the State. There are a number of opportunities to serve: ushers, greeters, drivers and registration. Go to UMCSC.org to find out more and to register. Sound exciting? It is!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: The Children's Ministry will celebrate the end of the school year with a pizza party and trip to the Children's Museum in Greenville on Sunday, May 20th immediately after worship service. We plan to take the church bus, but may need additional drivers as well. If you plan to go, please let Kelle or Amy know so that we can get a good "guestimate" for the pizza.